

Nomination Deadline: October 18, 2002

BENJAMIN ARANDA III ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

**PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF
THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL, THE CALIFORNIA JUDGES ASSOCIATION,
AND THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA**

**Nominations are being sought for the Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award
by the California Commission on Access to Justice.**

Presented for the first time in 1999, this annual award honors the judge who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to improving access to our courts, and who has personally done significant work in improving access for low and moderate income Californians. Past recipients have been

1999 - Hon. Judith McConnell, San Diego Superior Court
2000 - Hon. Veronica S. McBeth, Los Angeles Superior Court
2001 - Hon. Charles Campbell, Ventura County Superior Court
2002 - Hon. Donna J. Hitchens, San Francisco Superior Court

The California Commission on Access to Justice will select the award winner in consultation with the Judicial Council, the State Bar and CJA.

Criteria for Award:

Criteria to be used in the selection of the award recipient include one or more of the following:

- ◆ Demonstrated dedication to improving access to our judicial system for low and moderate income Californians;
- ◆ Demonstrated commitment to increasing the involvement of volunteer attorneys in the representation of the indigent;
- ◆ Successful establishment of a model system for providing assistance to self-represented litigants;
- ◆ Successful establishment of a model cooperative effort with local legal services programs or bar associations designed to improve available representation for low or moderate income litigants; or
- ◆ Other significant activities demonstrating a long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of our judicial system for all Californians, regardless of income.

Nomination Process:

- ◆ Nomination forms are due October 18, 2002. A completed Nomination Form (attached) and supporting materials described on the Nomination Form should be included.
- ◆ The award recipient will be selected by the California Commission on Access to Justice, in consultation with the Judicial Council, the State Bar and CJA. The award will be presented at the California Judicial Administration Conference in late February 2003 in San Diego.

For more information, contact Chris Zupanovich, Program Coordinator, Legal Services Outreach, State Bar of California: (415) 538-2534; chris.zupanovich@calbar.ca.gov

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2003 NOMINATION FORM

Nominations due: October 18, 2002

Nominee's Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ FAX: () _____

Name of Nominee's Clerk: _____

Phone No. of Nominee's Clerk: _____

Please include the following supporting materials with this nomination form:

- ☐ Description of how the nominee meets the award criteria
- ☐ The nominee's resume
- ☐ Three additional references
- ☐ Letters of support (up to five letters will be accepted)

Nominator's Name: _____

Court/Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ FAX: () _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

Mailed nominations are preferred. Please submit one (1) copy of the nomination form and accompanying materials by October 18, 2002 to:

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San Francisco, CA 94105-1639*

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